



Donald Strom

April 18, 1927 - December 30, 2023

Donald E. Strom, 96 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away on Saturday, December 30, 2023 at Highland Senior Living in Little Falls, with his loving family at his side. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 AM on Friday, January 5, 2024 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls, with Fr. Ben Kociemba officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's parish cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:30 to 11:30 AM on Friday at the church. Caring for Donald and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Don Strom was born April 18, 1927 to the late Adolph and Fedilise Strom in Crookston, MN. His family moved to Swanville, MN from Red Lake Falls, and was married to Leola (Reinke) on July 1, 1950 in Swanville, MN. They raised their family in Swanville, Crookston, and Little Falls, MN. He was proud of his marriage of over 65 years. Donald worked from age 15 to retirement from the Northern Pacific/Burlington Northern RR. His interests beyond family, included many vegetable gardens and flowers, model trains, and some of his favorite hunting and fishing. In his later years as his health declined, he enjoyed adult coloring and puzzles, and the many visits from family members. Family was very important to him and he truly loved visits from his children, grandchildren, in-laws, and nieces and nephews. Donald also loved storytelling, and he was often surrounded at family reunions to hear his stories and hear his laughter. He once said about that large family, that he loved every one of them. He was so loved and admired, as the Patriarch of the Strom family for many years. His

love and pride in his family will be so missed.

Donald was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Leola (Reinke); his daughter, Gina and son-in-law, Henry Gruidl; 7 brothers, (Joseph, Harold, Hubert, Edwin, Allen, Bobby (Clarence) and Raymond; and 5 sisters, Margaret, Genevieve, Madonna, Carol and Patrice. The heavenly gate was very crowded when he arrived and with so many huggers.

He is survived by his children, Gail (John) Pinola of Hudson, WI. Holly (James) Miller of Coon Rapids, MN, Denise (Mark) Kaiser of Crookston, MN, Gary (Rachel) of St. Cloud, MN, Angie (David) Waldvogel of Little Falls, MN, Douglas (Patti) Strom of Centerville, MN, and Glen (Sandy) Strom of Albert Lea, MN; 28 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren; in-laws, Valerie (Dave) Sobania, and Beatrice Golombecki of Swanville, MN, Ramona Voltin, and Alfred (Pat) Reinke of Little Falls, MN, Joyce Strom of Little Falls, LaVonne Strom of Illinois, and Andrea Strom of New York State, and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff at Highland Sr and St. Croix Hospice for their kind and compassionate care.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

4th Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls
305 4th Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 5. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Little Falls
305 4th Street SE
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall

FA

“ *Very nice service for your dad!* 💕💕



Faye - January 05, 2024 at 08:33 PM

DS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Doug Strom - January 04, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Strom.*



January 03, 2024 at 05:06 PM

TB

“ *Theresa Ostgard Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Strom.*

Theresa Ostgard Brown - January 03, 2024 at 05:06 PM

BM

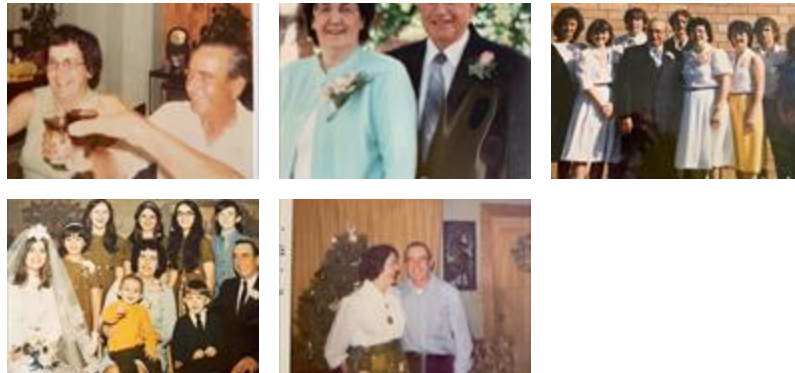
“ Some wonderful photos of Don's earlier years from Don's daughter, Denise.



Beth Moe - January 03, 2024 at 04:27 PM

BM

“ From Don's daughter, Denise's photo collection.



Beth Moe - January 03, 2024 at 04:24 PM

GP

“ The memory shared under my name belongs under the name Chris Mohler my daughter

Gail Pinola - January 03, 2024 at 02:15 PM

DS

“ 26 files added to the tribute wall



Doug Strom - January 03, 2024 at 01:24 PM



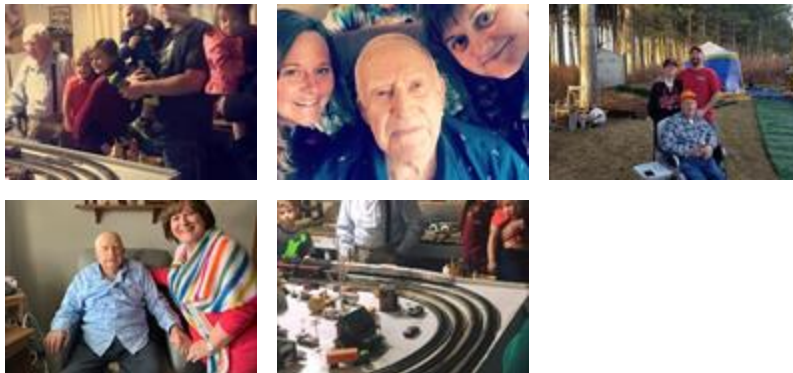
“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Donald Strom.



January 03, 2024 at 01:00 PM

DS

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Doug Strom - January 03, 2024 at 11:51 AM

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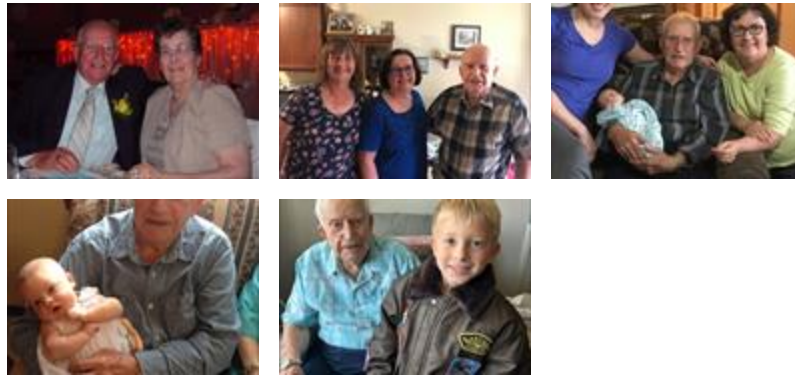
“ JoAnn ,Lois ,Nancy (Strom) purchased the County Basket Blooms for the family of Donald Strom.



JoAnn ,Lois ,Nancy (Strom) - January 03, 2024 at 11:36 AM

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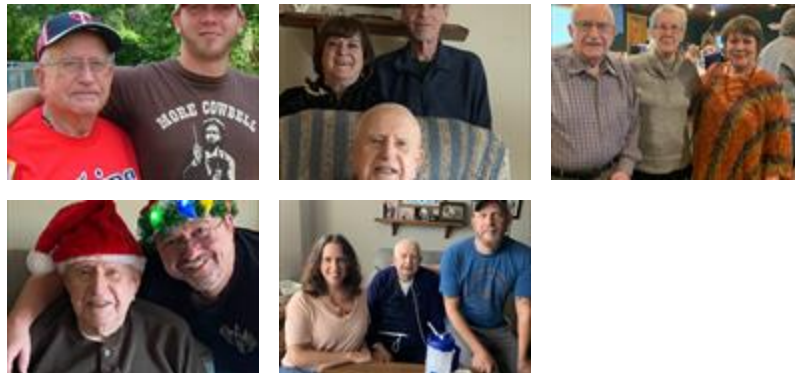
“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Beth Moe - January 03, 2024 at 10:31 AM

GP

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Gail Pinola - January 03, 2024 at 12:26 AM



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Chris Mohler - January 03, 2024 at 11:51 PM

SK

“ My name is Sara Kaiser, I am Denise (Strom) Kaiser's oldest daughter. My Mom was the 3rd daughter to Donald and Leola Strom.

In December 2019, I got to introduce my daughter, Angel, to my only living Grandparent, Grandpa Strom. He was animated and excited to visit with her and showed her things in his apartment. He talked about working on the railroad and how bad the food was at his assisted living home. 😊

My Grandpa passed away on December 30, 2023 at the age of 96! He lived a full and wonderful life! He leaves behind a large family who loved him so.

A few things I remember about my Grandpa, especially from when I was a kid.

His garden. He always had cabbage and a garden full of veggies and flowers. When he and Grandma would visit our home in Crookston he would try to take back a 5 gallon bucket of our black dirt from up north.

From his garden he enjoyed making his legendary coleslaw. It was a sweeter coleslaw made with apples.

As a kid, he always had a pack of trident gum in his pocket. If you were lucky, he'd give you a piece.

He worked on the railroad for decades. It was back-breaking work. He took his love of trains home and had a huge model train set collection. All kinds of trains, cars, engines, and villages to travel through.

He loved Minnesota sports, especially the Twins and the Vikings. You could always count on him to watch the game (and be disappointed afterwards if watching the Vikes).

I remember traveling to Winnipeg with him, Grandma, my Mom and siblings. I got car sick so he drove, I sat in the middle and Grandma in the front passenger seat. We went to the Canadian Mint in Winnipeg to watch money being made...I don't remember if we went anywhere else. I got sick on the trip. I do remember vomiting all over my Grandma on the ride home. Grandma and Grandpa were good sports.

Grandpa Strom was a wonderful man, who raised a wonderful woman in my Mom, Denise Kaiser. We will honor his life on Friday and celebrate his reunion with his wife and daughter.

Sara Kaiser - January 02, 2024 at 08:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Strom.*



January 02, 2024 at 07:42 PM



“ *Mike & Bev Gangl lit a candle in memory of Donald Strom*



Mike & Bev Gangl - January 02, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Strom.*



January 02, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ *Jorge & Judy Espino*



Judy Espino - January 02, 2024 at 01:39 PM



“ *Tom Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Donald Strom*



Tom Ledbetter - January 02, 2024 at 01:14 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Don's family. I really enjoyed visiting with Don and listening about his family . Sure will miss him.*



Laurie Ochoa - January 02, 2024 at 09:22 AM

JC

“ So sorry for your loss. Loved hearing stories about him from Doug at work over the past 14 years. Sending prayers and thinking of all of you.
-Jen Cavalier

Jen Cavalier - January 01, 2024 at 10:44 PM

DF

“ Dear Strom Family. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Mom and Dad are together again. Hold on to all those precious memories. Judi, Darrol and Jordan Ficek



Darrol, Judi & Jordan Ficek - January 01, 2024 at 07:26 PM

BA

“ Bruce & Kathy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Donald Strom



Bruce & Kathy Anderson - January 01, 2024 at 03:17 PM

FT

“ Fred & Judy Tabatt lit a candle in memory of Donald Strom



Fred & Judy Tabatt - January 01, 2024 at 10:43 AM

RW

“ *Rich And Wendy Waltman lit a candle in memory of Donald Strom*



Rich and Wendy Waltman - December 31, 2023 at 08:42 PM

KT

“ *You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Your dad and mom were such an important part of my childhood, always having Uncle Don showing me his trains--which has given me a lifelong love for trains--I gave mom a musical snowglobe train for Christmas*



Kelly Voltin Thomsen - December 31, 2023 at 06:50 PM

FA

“ *Sorry for your loss of Dad and Grandpa, hold all your special memories close to your hearts. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. ❤️ love, Faye and Chuck*



Faye - December 31, 2023 at 05:53 PM